

IN THE CLAIMS

1-45 (canceled)

46. (original) A method for jacketing a tank car utilizing a first cylinder and second cylinder, each cylinder having a longitudinal cut on a bottom portion defining a first bottom edge and a second bottom edge of each cylinder, said method comprising:

lifting the first cylinder such that the first and second bottom edges of the first cylinder separate creating a radius greater than a radius of the tank car including a layer of insulation;

positioning the first cylinder over the tank car;

lowering the first cylinder such that the first and second bottom edges of the first cylinder are free to wrap around the tank car;

lifting the second cylinder such that the first and second bottom edges of the second cylinder separate creating a radius greater than a radius of the tank car including a layer of insulation;

positioning the second cylinder over the tank car;

lowering the second cylinder such that the first and second bottom edges of the second cylinder are free to wrap around the tank car;

welding the first cylinder and the second cylinder together; and

welding the first and the second cylinder to at least one inlet nozzle and at least one tank car head.

47. (original) A method according to Claim 46 wherein said lifting the first cylinder further comprises lifting the first cylinder with an anti-overspread beam such that the first and the second bottom edges of the first cylinder separate creating a radius greater than a

radius of the tank car, said lifting the second cylinder further comprises lifting the second cylinder with an anti-overspread beam such that the first and the second bottom edges of the second cylinder separate creating a radius greater than the radius of the tank car.

48. (original) A method according to Claim 46 further comprising:

welding the longitudinal cut on the first cylinder prior to welding the first cylinder and the second cylinder together; and

welding the longitudinal cut on the second cylinder prior to welding the first cylinder and the second cylinder together.

49. (original) A method according to Claim 48 wherein said welding the longitudinal cut on the first cylinder further comprises welding the longitudinal cut on the first cylinder with an outer fillet weld prior to welding the first cylinder and the second cylinder together, said welding the longitudinal cut on the second cylinder further comprises welding the longitudinal cut on the second cylinder with an outer fillet weld prior to welding the first cylinder and the second cylinder together.

50. (original) A method according to Claim 46 wherein said positioning the first cylinder further comprises positioning the first cylinder over the tank car using a head angle, said positioning the second cylinder further comprises positioning the second cylinder over the tank car using a head angle.

51-72 (canceled)

73. (original) A method for attaching a spiral welded roof on a hopper car including a plurality of bulkheads and a plurality of sidewalls, said method comprising the steps of:

positioning the roof over the bulkheads and extending over the sidewalls; and

welding the roof to the bulkheads and the sidewalls.